(b) what are the steps being already taken or proposed to be taken to boost business travel to India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The number of business tourists is calculated on the basis of declaration made by tourists with regard to their "purpose of visit" on the Disembarkation cards supplied to them. On this basis, number of tourists who put business as their purpose of visit and total number of tourists excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh who visited India during 1992, 1993 and 1994 were as follows:

Year	Number of Tourists who put business as their purpose of visits	Total number of Tourists
1992	254382	1434737
1993	211707	1442643
1994	168246	1562016

(b) Various steps taken for the develop, ment of tourism in India include augmentation of availability of accommodation in both business and tourists centres, improvement of facilities for tourists, introduction of computerised reservation system etc. Publicity through print and electronic media in originating markets is used. Promotion is also done through distribution of literature and personal contract on telephone etc. These steps will boost tourist (including business travel) to India.

Development of tourism is a continuous process and it involves improvement of infrastructural facilities, publicity and promotion, development of human resources etc.

National Savings Certificate Scheme

7732. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the National Saving Certificate Scheme was introduced in the country with details of the scheme:

(b) the amount mentioned for repayment on the backside of saving certificate of denomination of Rs. 10,000 on maturity:, and

(c) the amount paid to the persons holding certificates of Rs. 10,000 on maturity on or before 31st March, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The 6-year National Savings Certificates VI Issue were put on sale from 1-5-81 and discontinued from 1-4-89. Investments in the Certificates were eligible for tax concessions under Section 80C (now Section 88) of the Income Tax Act subject to certain limitations. Interest was eligible for tax concession under Section 80L of the Act subject to certain limitations.

(b) and (c) The maturity value of the certificates purchased from 1-5-81 to 31-3-87 was Rs. 20150 for denomination of Rs. 10000. The maturity value of the certificates purchased from 1-4-87 onwards is Rs. 19010 for denomination of lis. 10000, according to the National savings Certificate (VT.Issue) Rules, 1981, as amended vide notification GSR No. 364(E) dated 1st April, 1987.